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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Please read my attached, one page Microsoft Word document regarding the Microsoft Settlement.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am taking some time to write to you to express an opinion about the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. I am one of those who believed that this case should have never gone to trial in the first place, and I also believe that the anti-trust laws are very questionable and subjective (i.e., irrational). In a free enterprise, only the Government can create a monopoly. However, since a settlement exists in this case, and it will end this case, I hope you will see it through and end litigation.

I would ask you to strongly rebuke those that want this case back in court. This case has cost your office and Microsoft millions of dollars and countless man-hours. Both parties could be putting their time to better use than going back to Federal court to expend even more resources. The settlement will end this three-year-old debacle, and I am pleased that you have agreed to it.

Be steadfast in your support and work to implement the settlement in this case. There is a huge "silent majority" out there.

Sincerely,

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